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### Lend-Not Spend Your Money.

If you lend your money to the government, you may be quite sure that it is going to be used for some national purpose to prosecute the war successfully, to care for, equip, arm, and supply our soldiers in France to be used by our navy in ridding the seas

But if you spend your money even with the be lief that by putting it into the channels of trade others into whose hands it comes will lend it to the government, you will have done something the patriotism of which may be very questionable,

First you have withdrawn from the supply of material of the nation something to replace which in the market will require labor and material which should be devoted to war purposes

Second, the person to whom you pay your money also use it to purchase things requiring material and labor which should be devoted to war purposes. And the person to whom he pays it may repeat the

But when you lend your money to the government instead of spending it, you will at once lessen the certain extent on our country's resources. ts material its labor, and its transportation faciliies, and in addition you supply your government with

Every purchase of a Liberty loan bond is an individual act toward bringing victory to America and her allies

The Argus is in receipt of an anonymous communication asking publication of a notice designed to facilitate an early and clear distinction between patriots and others in Rock Island. This newspaper rule to publish no letters of writers are not revealed. No exception be made in this case even though the purpose, on seems a patriotic, and therefore a worthy one. If the writer or writers see fit to make them selves and their proposed methods known The Argus will be glad to give the matter further consideration.

### Uncle Sam's Note.

When the government sells bonds, it takes no

money out of the country. What it does is ask the farmer, the manufacturer and the laborer to sell their products on time and it gives an interest bearing te in advance, until you and these other producers can make the supplies to conduct the war. The war department can't shoot houses and lots and grain at the Germans. It asks the producers to grant it the credit first and then get busy and make the supplies it needs and when your government has on its hands the biggest war the world ever knew there is no time for triffing. Buy bonds and see Uncle Sam and yourself through.

If David did not fear Goliath, shall America, with David's faith and innocence, fear the Goliath of Berlin? Back up your courage with cash for the third Liberty loan.

There must be no new cracks in our Liberty bell now. Support our fighting men with your Liberty bonds.

## A Loss to the City.

Sincere regret is felt that A. J. Lindstrom is to sever his connection with the Rock Island Savings bank and take up his residence in Chicago. For a one of greater personal opportunity, but making enemies for himself or the cause he repre-

Chicago, we are persuaded, needs Mr. Lindstromno worse than Rock Island does. Men such as he donot grow on every bush.

American troops are killing a Mexican or two searly every day down on the border. Repulse of a and of raiders with loss of life is told of new in a ew lines and with a 12-point heading. Again we are eminded that the value of the news unit, like the value of the unit of currency, has depreciated.

## Another Alien Enemy.

The European barberry is a sightly shrub and sems harmless, but it should be classed as a danerous allen enemy, according to the state council defense. As a harborer of black wheat rust in ne stage of growth it is a menace of the worst posible sort to wheat. Black rust destroys more wheat han any other single agency. Though there may be wheat fields near the harberry plants, yet winds will carry the spores for miles and the spread of the

organism, once it gets a start, is incredibly rapid. Obviously, it is the duty of everyone having the tall, or European, barberry on his premises to dig it up at once. While the danger may have been overrated, we cannot afford to take any chances now.

The Japanese barberry does not harbor the rust The Japanese variety has a smooth edged leaf, while the European has a leaf with a saw edge. Last year's twigs of the former are reddish brown, while those of the latter are dun or grey. Furthermore, berries on the Japanese plant grow singly, or occasionally, in groups of two or three, while those of the dangerous variety appear in clusters. If you make a mistake after the distinction has been so clearly indicated be sure that it is a mistake in the right direction.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. and an hour of work done in the spring on a dirt road is worth a day late in the season. It may be a question whether it is good business to undertake extensive permanent road improvement while men and materials are needed for war purposes, but the dirt roads we have always with us and they must be used where there are no others. There continues to be a regrettable disposition in many parts of Rock

The Bolsheviki foreign minister has informed China that any encouragement given diplomats of the czar's regime will be regarded as interference with Russia's internal affairs. It will surprise most of us to learn that Russia has any internal affairs dicates that you are. I had to ge left. Evidently the ruling party there does not consider its work finished.

### The Submarine Menace.

We are glad that the last two weeks have shown a big reduction in effectiveness of the German submarine but it is well not to overrate the significance of the evidence at hand. Marked reduction in the number of losses of allied ships may be only temporary, while the Germans are making their supreme effort in other directions. There is little doubt that the kaiser's government long since saw the futility of depending upon under-sea piracy alone to attain its ends. But we must not suppose that it has intended or now means to abandon it altogether. The allies cannot afford to relax their vigilance for a moment and that means that they must continue to devote to policing of the seas vast energies needed in

An automobile publicity agency assures us that there is a well defined movement afoot for the in-By all means, let's have inspection of the when our gasoline tanks are nearly empty. We can hardly go too far in throwing safeguards around a very narrow escape. automobiles-and those who ride in them

long way, especially if it happens to express sentiments that may be construed as disloyed

## Congratulations to Iowa.

. Illinois joins in congratulations to Iowa for being come out ahead than any other state except our own. Iowa is our next-door neighbor. It was settled largely by descendants of early lilinoisans and we know sides of the Mississippi. Iowa's success gives us assurance, if any were needed, that Illinois also will

The United States must produce several millions of gallons of castor oil this year. It is needed for lubrication of aeroplanes, but vivid recollections of youth will suggest to some of us another use for it that, if it could be employed, would be equally effective in stopping the Germans.

Bring forward your dollars and lay them on the

## The New Mustard Gas.

A new poisonous gas recently used against Amerieyes, six to twelve hours after taking, followed by a congestion hardly painful, but bothering to the vision. This phase is regularly over in three days, and is followed by breathing troubles, which begin by an almost complete extinction of the voice. This phase lasts approximately four days, and is followed in turn by congestion of the lungs, which requires a long time to cure, by reason of the frequent relapses when health is apparently restored. Finally, there are burns on the skin looking like red splotches. These may be painful or even frightful, but are never mortal unless a great portion of the skin has been exposed to the action of the gas for a long time. The action is quickest on damp surfaces, and the body burns are the result of the action of the body heat and

Children and civilians are likely to suffer even more from this kind of a gas-attack, because of the body burns from which it is difficult to protect them.

Pray and pay for the third Liberty loan.

## CHORDS AND DISCORDS

#### LITTLE CHILD.

hands that seldom rest, Little feet that go in quest, All day long for something new; Little child, we're loving you, Every day we love you more, While you're little mind you store With the strange things that you

Moving always restlessly. Little child, howe'er we guard, Life for you will still be hard, When we've done our best we pray, God will keep you safe each day.

OUR idea of zero in big business is the business man who, in ordering a 10 cent packag of seeds from an out of town firm, dictates the letter to his stenographer and has her bring it to him to sign.

WHILE standing before the coffin of his stepmother, a young man of Chicago shot and killed himself. is believed that he was temporarily insane. "If it had been his mother-in-law there would have en no doubt about it," remarks

A MEMBER of an Iowa firm, who has been in Rock Island several days on business, received the folowing reply to a letter he had written to his business partner; Dear Partner: I trust you are

njeying yourself. Your letter indrunk myself before I could de-

### We Dare Not Say.

Do you know the Rock Islander, who, that in order he may appear true patriot, has purchased one of each issue of Liberty bonds, and then later disposed of them at their face value so that he could invest his money in something paying big-

WHEN the clocks of the nation cently to conform with the daylight saving law, a freshman at Louis climbed to the top of the university and tried to set the huge tle tip to any green, little freshie that might go even further than the St. Louis youth did, and try to set the roosters ahead too, we suspect that he will have better luck if he tries to set the hens

### Very Narrow, Indeed!

(Aledo Democrat). The Misses Mary, Gertrude and Martha Montgomery had quite au experience on the way to school Their horse became frightened at an auto that had skidded into a ditch at the roadside and in turning round ran the buggy on were thrown out, the wheel pass-Mary from Yasmini. ing over Gertrude's chest. was thrown to the buggy bottom and on getting up grabbed the lines off the singletree and managed to scratched and bruised but not seriously hurt. They certainly had

CARL Ed. the office military strategist and statistician, allows that the woman who thinks her hand is no good on earth should get him to enlist as an aviator.

## TWAS EVER THUS!

Oh, her love's like a rambler rose Her lips like the petals, her soul the vine.

studded with thorns to tear the passed.

She is like a vintage of sparkling him:

were mine!

Insidiously sweet and deliciously after some heavy compliments that tart. She's a devil, but I wish she

PARIS has adopted new defen- tween them, backward. ive measures to protect the city waited at the stair-head until she from enemy airmen. Fluge batoons of the sausage type are stasteel cables connecting them, formug a trap for the airplanes. Thus stand" she said. "But it does not there has been no opportunity to test the effectiveness of the should come here making

cheme as the Hun raiders have failed to appear. We think judgment was used in employing the do not tolerate! Go, get that Afsausage balloon, but where the mistake has been made was in not putting sauerkraut on the cables street until I send for him." etween the baloons. Trap or no trap, no hungry German could resist a temptation like that. A. J. INQUIRES of Doc Brady. is very sore." Doc, may we advise

What can I do for a bunion? It that you tell the lady that if she wants to do something for the bunion, take it out and show it a good time, but if it is "very as she says, she should try to humor it.

#### Twenty Years Ago. Appendicitis was just coming

vogue. Bacon was considered too comon to eat by many people.

The United States was just geting into its war with Spain Manufacture of ice was still left o King Winter.

The cold weather was extending

further into spring than any of the old timers could remember Capitalists had things pretty much their own way. Electric street cars were begin-

ning to put the horse ar out of business, and "strap hanging" was an unknown art. Hindenburg was a young army officer hoping for promotion

May I meant nothing to Rock Is landers other than its being the first of the month. IN order to keep you guessin

we'll tell you that W. H. Riddeil gets his mail at Aledo, Ill. BERLIN reports a new general

n the field against the British on the Beigium front, bearing the portation of the United States rail-General Von Quest We believe that is a typographiroad career at the telegraph key. Since that time he has been pres- looked at a cheap watch nervously in place of a "C." ident of the Great Northern

IT should be General Con Quest. Western railways. His home is in Kirby!" he said. "If this business

"THE WIDOW'S MIGHT"



# The Winds of the World

door!

"I will answer when the time Go, wash the blood away.

with a slight bow to Yasmini as he ing. Aye-the gods love Yasmini!

chnekled

"Krtshna!" /said Yasmini impi-

"Who did it? What has hap-

Singh the Sikh is a bastard. From

then until now they beat me, only leaving off to follow him hence

when he came out through the

Yasmini laughed, peal upon peal

"The gods love Yasmini!" she

The Jat spoke of a squadron; it is

tomorrow. Nav. go now, I would

sleep when I have finished laugh

And the hunger gnaws!"

Their eyes were bright, their fangs

They viewed, they took but yes-

fangs less sharp, or hunger

(Look well to the loot, and listen

The colonel of Outram's Own

only one, and not the greatest, of

window, their voices drowned by

the din of rain on the veranda roof.

chose, however, a solitary chair,

for, though subalterns do not be-

leve it a colonel has exactly that

civilians which a subaltern ought

In a moment all that was visible

arm of a cane chair, and two sets

that held up a newspaper. From

"Hah! Been trying to pump him,

"Yes. He's like a bird catching

flies-picks off your questions one

at a time, with one eye on you and

the other one cocked for the next

out yes and no. Good fellow,

though, when you're not drawing

older, and watched the faces of the

"Wish the Sikhs were

other two while seeming to listen

comes to a head we're going to

something in the distance

talked he could be seen in profile.

"Wears well-doesn't he?"

one of them.

"Swears

wonderfully modeled fingers

well, too, confound

each of whom nodded to him.

were three men talking by

-YASMINI'S SONG.

(Oh, listen, wise heads,

Aimere Gate

listen, ye!)

tere'en

"Aye, the gods love me!

wolves fight? But yes-

Thou

listen

of silver laughter-of sheer merri-

CHAPTER II

(Continued.)

Ranfoor Singh, leading the way to

turned suddenly, borrowing a trick

oudl not be overhead; there

"I am a Sikh-a patriot.

are you offering?

gain has two sides.

ment!

corner in which he judged they

"The freedom of the earth!" the

"On what conditions? For a bar-

"When the time comes! What is

comes," answered Ranjoor Singh, saluting stiffly before furning on

Then he stalked out of the room

Then the Germans went away

seemed to amuse Yasmini prodigi-

ously, helping along the man who

had drunk sherbet and who now

dragged him down the stairs be-

heard them pull him mto a gharr!

and drive away. Then she turned

sait me that a Sikh, a Jat, a buffalo,

teries of his own without consulting

whom the soldier kicked I

TRANSPORTATION

me! And what does not suit me I

told him to wait outside in the

The Afridi came, nearly as heln-

less as the man who had drunk

sherbet, though less tearful and al-

most infinitely more resentful.

Carl R. Gray.

Carl R. Gray, director of trans-

IS U. S. DIRECTOR OF

seemed inclined to weep.

"Them-those cattle-I

to her favorite maid.

"Jat buffalo!

"That the Sikhs fail England!"
"When?"

answered. "Self-govern-

The right to emigrate. Lib-

"Who is not against Germany to not bruised.

"Let us have plain words," said ously

By Talbot Munday

there was no inch of him that was men excellent, I suppose? "Used that one word." "Um-m-m! No suspicions, eh?"

What clothing had not been torn wish we had a million Kirbys from him was soaked in blood and What did he say? Temper of his

"Said, 'No, no suspicions!" " He waddled off, shaking his drab slik suit into shape and twisting a clined to risk all upon the specu-"Outside in the street I said to leather watchguard around his fin- lation. some men who waited that Ranjoor ger.

thing?" asked one of the two men months. he had left behind.

"Remember how we were prom-

ised a world-war two years ago, just before the Balkans took fire?" es. That was a near thing. But they weren't quite ready Yes.

then. Now they are ready, and they think we're not. If I were feared that the mandatory message by squadron watched him here! asked, I'd say we ought to let them had offended Hector. Two months know we're ready for 'em. want to fight because they think word. they can catch us napping; they'd father in the sentiment that record. think twice if they knew they couldn't do l "Are they blind and dead? Can't courage to enter the lists, as his

they see and hear?"

"Buffalo!" she murmured after The West Wind blows through the "Quem deus vult perdere, prius dementat. Ponsonby, my boy." ed in the doorway of the little shop.
The man in drab silk slipped into a few evenings later. The old man And whispers low (Oh, listen a chair next to Kirby's as a wolf had heard that Hector had been The fed wolf curls by his drowsy slips into his lair, very circum-

> In a tight-trod earth; but the lean rutched the chair sidewise toward and Millicent unjustly neglected Kirby with about as much noise as Further be could not understand a company of infantry would make. why Hector was wasting his lime, "Had a drink?" he asked as Kirby looked up from his paper, "Have the patriotic impuse was rushing

> > "Ginger ale, please," said Kirby, denly Millicent sprang to her feet putting the paper down. A turbaned waiter brought long glasses in which ice tinkled, and

at each other. in drab silk suddenly.

"Heard of her, of course." "Ever see her"

'Ah! Most extraordinary woman Wonderful!

Kirby looked puzzled, and held his peace. dropped into a club where he was her?" "Not when they're supposed to be

many men entitled to respect on duty. "But at other times?"

Don't know, I'm sure." "Um-m-m!

hemence.

promptly.

see a big bird act that way? Look say?" at his bright eye!" "Wish mine were as bright, and shining eyes, and, divesting himself

"Look at his beak!" said one of

"Who is your best native officer. | army. supposing you've any choice"" asked the man in the drab silk suit, for my commission. It takes me "Ranjoor Singh," said Kirby

was quite clear there was no her in his arms. doubt in his mind. "How is he best? In what way?

"Best man I've got. Fit to command the regiment. "Um-m-m!

"Yes," said Kirby. The man in drab sat sidewise and caught Kirby's eye, which was not difficult. There was nothing furtive tions from Canadum papers, disabout him.

"With a concersion that test as question. Get nothing out of him difficult.

"With a censorship that isn't acmitted, but which has been rather "You mean trying to draw him, obvious for more than a month; He's the best that come. Wish they with all forces undergoing field training during the worst of the The man who had not spoken yet rains—it's fair to suppose your he looked younger, was some years men smell something?"

"They've been sweating, certain-

"Do they smell a rat?" Yes.

"Ask questions?"

"What do you tell them?"

## The Daily Short Story

"ESTABLISHED 1776."

Old Anthony Wayne, pottering at nterest as his only daughter, Mil. icent, came in at the door of the ld shop, bright as a ray of sanlight with her wild rose face and neatly fitting gingham dress. Har eyes were clouded with a certain gravity, but she smiled cheerfull. Any letter?" inquired her fath er eagerly.

of in this mail, dear," respond ed Millicent.

"Don't try to look happy when on probably feel more like cryalmost roughly interrupted he old man. "Hector has forgot made his fortune and has com suck to spend it royally on him-

"That isn't like Hector," said Millicent, but her voice was low and unsteady. Then her dainty lips puckered and she passed into the

lving room. What a dingy old structure a was-one-story, low ceilinged with old fashioned windows and door-Outside a swinging sign formed in the shape of a padlock Inscription: Greene, Locksmith, Established

Israel Greene, patriot colone

and started in business at the close

of the Revolutionary war, generations had taken up the bus ness in turn. There was now one lving direct descendant, Hector Greene, and it was over him that the old Anthony was worrying. When the father of Hector died, Anthony, who had worked with him boy and man for half a entury, had stepped into his sho Hector did not take to the humfrum, worn out business. turns from the business and Anthony's honest saving and scraping supported himself and child and afforded Hector an education. His ambition was to be a mechanical expert, and two years previous he had become one of a

pon the construction of an aeris ailroad in the Andes. He had kissed Millicent good-by hen a blushing lass of sixteen and had whispered in her ear, "Wan me, darling!" and later had earnestly remarked to her father love Millicent, and I do not ask hat we become engaged for sh s young and may change her mind, out when I return I shall ask you give her to me as my wife.

eorps of young engineers engage;

Old Anthony and his daughter lived comfortably, if savingly. The irst year that Hector was in South America he wrote to Millicent regularly once a month. Then he ad vised her that a great opportunity in some Ecuador silver mines had

Only twice they heard from Believe it will come to any- Hector during the ensuing six declared war against its European "Dunno. Hope not. Awful busi- enemies and Anthony sent a cable gram to Hector, thrilling with the profound patriotism of his intense nature. It read, "Your country

in the days of Washington. Come home and do your duty There was no reply, Millicent They went by and the absent one sent no She concurred with ffer tradition, duty should inspire the last of a loyal race with arder and

forefathers had done. Anthony and Millicent were seatseen off and on for a month in a spectly, and without noise; then he neighboring city. He felt himself when every young man who fell to the defense of his country. Suc

with a wild, ringing cry. Oh, father-he has come!" Yes, the street lamp showed # the two sipped slowly, not looking tall, athletic figure wearing a long each other. overcoat and approaching them. "Know Yasmini?" asked the man was Hector. "You dear old hero! he cried to Anthony. than ever!" he declared to Millicent, as in turn he grasped the hands of each. How erect and manly he looked! But a serious

gloom shadowed the face of An-

thony "Hector." he said. "before we welcome you home, let me shoyou something," and he pointed by the swinging sign. 1776' by your great grandfather. who was a colonel in the Revolu-"None of my affairs if they do. tionary army. His son won his laurels in the war of 1812. Your "Yes," said Kirby, without ve- battle of Pea Ridge in the Civil war. Son of battle that you are facing a new conflict where your diffidence about approaching senior the two men by the window. "Never country calls, what have you to

Why, this!" cried Hector, with of him from the door was a pair my beak as aquilline; means direct- of the enveloping coat, he stood. of brown riding boots, very much ness soldierly directness, that proud and valiant, in the uniform of a captain in the new American if a captain in the new American

I have been a month arranging the window where the three men speaking to the ceiling apparently, away from you and Millicent-"Oh, my hero!" she waispered

and clung to him as he enclose "That I don't know, and they

must wait until I do. Any recent efforts been made to tamper with them? "Not more than I reported. You

grants? Each man received a copythrough the mail. Yes, we caught the crowd who printed that, Couldn't discover, though, how it got into the regiment's matt bags without

postmarked, Let's see Ranjoor Singh officer of the day "Um-m-m! Would it surprise you to know that Ranjoor Single

visits Yasmint?"

(Continued tomorrow)